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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 23, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including April 23, 2002 in which to respond to the Office Action dated October 23, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$460.00) for a three-month extension of time.

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